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**DRAFT Minutes of the
Shannon Road/El Camino del Cerro Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF)
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 27th Meeting**

February 7, 2007, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Nanini Library, Large Meeting Room
7300 N. Shannon Road, Tucson, Arizona

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CAB Members Present: Randy Abbey, Gary Burchard, Marty Drozdoff, Marc Herman, Terri Hutts, Bob Ornelas, Ellie Towne

CAB Members Absent: Suzy Bjerke, Al Pesqueira, Gary Pitman

ADEQ Staff Present: Sherri Zendri, Project Manager; Melissa Hayes, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Jeff Drumm, Tamarack Little (from Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' office), Rick Smith, Steve Vaughn, John Doncsecz

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Neither of the CAB co-chairs was present, so Melissa Hayes welcomed members and conducted introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes for 9/13/06 CAB Meeting

Terri Hutts motioned to approve the minutes; Ellie Towne seconded the motion. All CAB members were in favor; none were opposed.

3. Nomination/Election of CAB Co-Chairs for Next Term

Melissa Hayes said that Gary Pitman could not make it to the meeting because of a work conflict, which could also interfere with his future involvement in the CAB. She said that she had not heard from Al Pesqueira. She reminded the CAB members that they can nominate and vote at this time, or wait to vote on the nominations until the next meeting. Gary Burchard asked Terri Hutts if she was interested in being a co-chair, but she declined. Marty Drozdoff nominated Randy Abbey; Ellie Towne seconded the motion. The CAB asked Mark Herman if he was interested, but he declined because he is representing Pima County on the CAB. Randy Abbey nominated Marty Drozdoff; Terri Hutts seconded the nomination. The CAB members voted on the nominations. All CAB members were in favor of electing Randy Abbey as a new CAB co-chair; none were opposed. All CAB members were in favor of electing Marty Drozdoff as a new CAB co-chair; none were opposed.

4. Site Investigation Update/Q&A

Sherri Zendri gave an update on investigative work at the former Wrecksperts property. She reviewed the results of the soil samples collected on the property in October 2006. Before this testing, there was a known area of lead surface soil contamination on the southeast parcel of Western Trailer Park, just to the north of the former Wrecksperts property. The October 2006 results also showed a few additional areas of lead surface soil contamination on the former Wrecksperts property. These areas are where a soil excavation will be conducted. She said that ADEQ will also include an area in the south-central portion of Western Trailer Park in the excavation. She said that the property will be cleaned up to residential standards, because if a property is cleaned up to non-residential standards, it needs to be listed in the property title. She showed a map of the area that will be excavated down to about one to four feet deep, and said that additional samples will be collected during the excavation. The excavation should start in the first part of March. Melissa Hayes said that she will send a copy of the doorhanger that is distributed for this work to the CAB members.

She then showed a diagram of the soil vapor wells installed on the former Wrecksperts property going down to about 100 feet. She reviewed the results of the soil vapor sampling, pointing out that the units are in parts per billion per volume; propylene, a petrochemical, was detected in two samples.

ADEQ will be installing two more groundwater monitor wells in March (wells 42 and 43). Another round of groundwater sampling and soil vapor sampling will take place in May. She said that the wells installed last fall have not been sampled yet. She displayed the updated site map, with the new groundwater monitor wells labeled. The last groundwater sampling that was conducted in October 2006 showed the water table and water direction the same, showing a very slight decrease in all the levels in the shallow groundwater data. She said that the plume is extending somewhat northward. Well 31 had a detection in May 2006, which is why it was important that the South Shannon well was turned on as soon as possible to prevent further migration. The South Shannon well went online full-time on Monday, after having been offline since August for carbon change issues.

The soil vapor extraction (SVE) system at the E.C. Winter property operated for seven months, removing 34 million cubic feet of air, and pulling out three pounds of TCE and ½ pound of PCE. She said that it will remain off for six months, to see if any rebound occurs, then will run it again for six more months. If similar results occur, then either there is not as much contamination as was originally calculated, or the SVE system is not an appropriate remedial method at the property. If that happens, the system may be moved elsewhere to another project. Melissa Hayes reminded the CAB that the former E.C. Winter property was where a soil excavation was conducted by ADEQ in 2001, so the majority of contaminated soil was removed at that time.

Sherri Zendri then reminded the group about the Dedication Ceremony at the Metro Water District upgraded groundwater treatment system at the South Shannon water facility. She also said that she will update the CAB at the next meeting on groundwater and soil vapor results for the Wrecksperts property.

5. Presentation on WQARF Responsible Party Search/Fund Recovery Process

Sherri Zendri then gave a presentation on the WQARF responsible party search and fund recovery process. She said that potentially responsible party (PRP) searches are site-specific and confidential.

She gave the definition of a responsible party, which is defined in Arizona statute §49-283. Settlement depends on whether the site remedial investigation has identified a source(s) of contamination and whether the responsible parties connected to the sources are financially viable. She said that any PRP can offer to settle their liability with ADEQ at any time. Settlements are considered if there is a good understanding of the nature and extent of the contamination and the costs to remediate it, and the relationship of the settling party to the contamination has been verified. She said that ADEQ and Pima County have been discussing a type of settlement at the Shannon Road/El Camino del Cerro WQARF Site for a number of years. Pima County has been investigating and developing remedies for the groundwater and landfill operable units for the El Camino del Cerro Landfill. She said that Pima County has been cooperative. ADEQ provides notification to all PRPs, indicating how ADEQ is allocating liability, and the PRPs have a right to appeal it.

Gary Burchard asked if there are any financially viable entities at the Shannon Road/El Camino del Cerro WQARF Site apart from Pima County at the El Camino del Cerro Landfill. Sherri Zendri said that areas on the east side of I-10 may be orphan shares, which Melissa Hayes described as areas with no financially viable party where ADEQ pays for the investigation and cleanup of the contaminated areas. Sherri Zendri reminded the group that Wrecksperts has no liability at the site; AMRI Oil facility was the property responsible for some contamination in the area. She offered Ana Vargas as a contact about PRP searches from the ADEQ Phoenix office. The PRP search comes out of the site budget; a full-blown PRP search can be fairly expensive, but at this site it does not appear to be worth doing a full-blown search. CAB members asked if any other WQARF sites in Tucson had identified responsible parties; Sherri Zendri said that the Broadway-Pantano and Park-Euclid WQARF Sites have. Melissa Hayes also mentioned differences in the allocation process between the state and federal programs.

6. Call to the Public

Melissa Hayes said that this is time for the audience to ask questions or express concerns to ADEQ and the CAB. If the issue is not on the agenda and the group wants further discussion, it can be added to a future agenda. Bob Ornelas asked if any soil core samples were taken to determine the contaminant levels at the E.C. Winter property before the SVE system was installed. Sherri Zendri said that there were soil samples taken from when the soil vapor extraction wells were installed a few years ago, before the SVE system itself was installed; they were used to determine the calculations for the SVE system.

Tamarack Little asked if anyone had been affected by the contamination at the site. Sherri Zendri said that in the mid-1990s, there were children living on the former Wrecksperts property who were found to have elevated levels of lead in their blood. The family moved off-site while ADEQ did a soil excavation on a portion of the property in the mid-1990s, and the children were retested and were found to be back to normal levels. There was a lawsuit against ADEQ, the former Wrecksperts property owner, and the ADEQ consultant following the soil excavation that took place on the former Wrecksperts property in the mid-1990s, dealing with issues regarding the excavation. Two plaintiffs out of an original 19 settled and the rest did not pursue the lawsuit. Also, in the mid-1980s, residential wells along I-10 were found to be contaminated. Pima County immediately purchased the wells and hooked the residents up to Tucson Water. Sherri Zendri said that there were also some claims against Pima County stemming from this, but none were substantiated. No one in the WQARF Site currently has a drinking water well, although some wells in the area are used for industrial purposes. Rick Smith asked how long the Metro Water South Shannon well has been impacted. Gary Burchard said that the well was taken offline when detections below the regulatory levels showed up in the mid-1990s.

7. CAB Outreach/Membership Discussion

Melissa Hayes said that Suzy Bjerke submitted her resignation from the CAB, so the CAB can vote on her resignation at the next meeting. Ellie Towne said that the ADEQ Web site is linked to the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition Web site. Melissa Hayes said that she adds calendar announcements about the CAB meetings to that Web site.

8. Other Administrative Business

Melissa Hayes said that she updated the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for the WQARF Site, which is a guidance document to ensure public involvement in the site process. Terri Hutts asked about census tract 45.06, in the CIP. Melissa Hayes said that one of the census tracts covered a broader area than the WQARF site boundaries. She said that she would include a census tract map in the next update to the CIP. She reminded the group to sign in before leaving. She also told them about the Tucson Children's Earth Day Festival. She also discussed the upcoming CAB/CAG Co-chair Workshop that ADEQ is holding on March 7, 2007 in Phoenix, where co-chairs from around the state can get together and share information, and bring the information back to the CABs.

9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The next CAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at the Nanini Library, large meeting room, 7300 N. Shannon Rd., Tucson, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call Melissa Hayes, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, for meeting details and proposed agenda. The CAB asked for an update on the CAB co-chair workshop. They also will vote to accept the resignation from the CAB from Suzy Bjerke. Terri Hutts said that she may want a Brownfields discussion; Melissa Hayes said to notify her no later than two weeks before the next meeting to get an agenda item added. CAB members asked for an update on work that Pima County is doing at the El Camino del Cerro Landfill.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Terri Hutts motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ellie Towne seconded the motion.

This meeting was recorded as a record of the proceedings. To listen to the recording, or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.

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